for Kevin

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Mr. Hugh M. Durham
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Durham:

You have helped me in the past in obtaining public information. I do not know if this request should be addressed to you. If not, I would appreciate it if you could forward it to the proper place.

According to the "College Press Service," Attorney General Mitchell spoke before the Oregon State Bar Association at Gearhart, Ore., and spoke, in part about activist lawyers whose "spectacle" might cause a "reversion to some form of government other than a democracy." Mr. Mitchell specifically mentioned the lawyer William Kunstler. I am not sure of the exact date of this speech, although it was probably around the first week in December, 1971.

I would very much like a copy of the Attorney General's speech. I believe I am entitled to it under the law. Should my request be denied, I would appreciate the citation of the law or regulation under which such denial is made, and would like to be informed of my channels of appeal.

Thank you very much for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Howard Roffman

Unless you had asked earlier & been ignored or refused, I think reference to the law is inappropriate & premature